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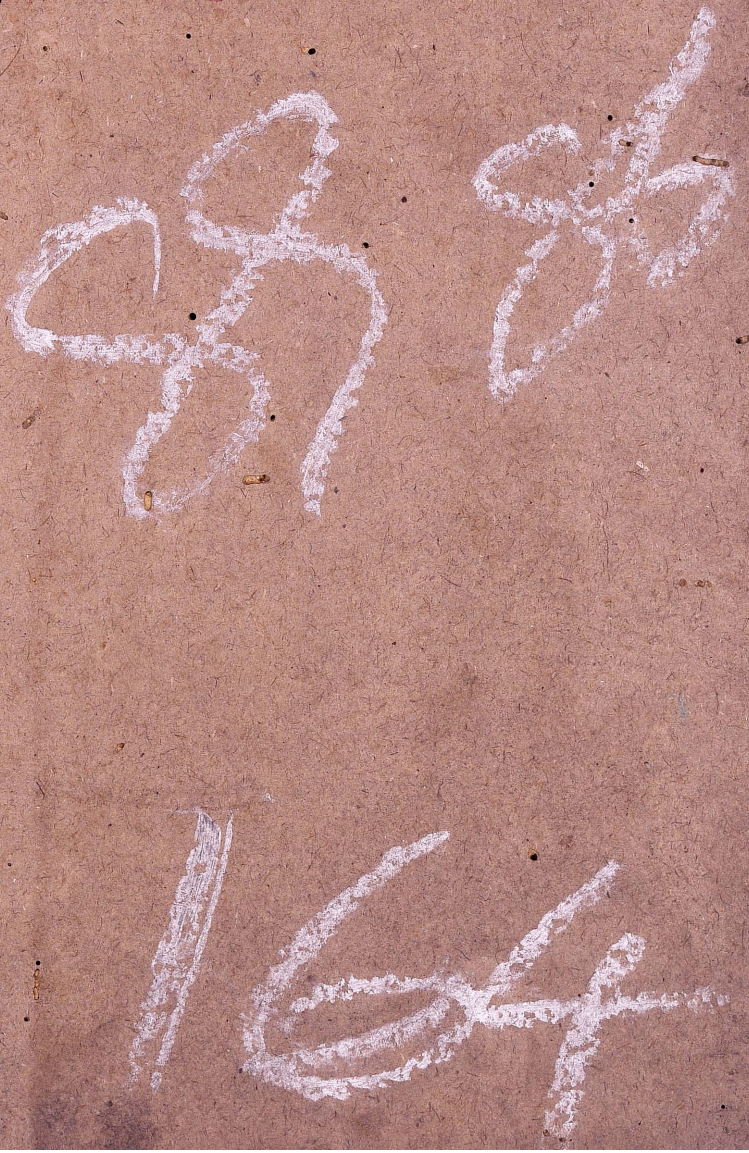

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To the President & Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to lay before you my Report Connected with the re-establishment of Town & frontier Duties on Merchandize &c suspended for a time by the Orders of Government under date the 21st July 1806—

The reduction of my Establishment from Seventeen Gomastahs to Seven—& the occupation of their time as well as my own in forwarding the settlement of the year have prevented me submitting this & accompanying Documents earlier—

Side Extract of Letter to the Board 25 June 1806

the Sentiments originally entertained of the advantages the new System of Collecting the Customs was likely to produce on our Coasts, have undergone a Material Change after one year Experience I deemed it expedient to submit to you my reasons for reducing the Number of Cruizers in these Districts according with the Principle on which the Regulation has been framed. I requested permission at the same time to Confine their Number still more from a Conviction that it was not the intention of Government to burthen the People with Taxes of a local nature where Merchants deemed it unprofi

R. Book Registers of Papers in the Letters Sent
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No	Date	To whom sent	Substance
23	30.1.1809	The President and Members of the Board of Revenue	Subscribing his Report connected with the re establishment of Town and Frontier Duties in Merchandize suspended for a time on account of Orders from Government. The number of Chowkies in certain Districts diminished. Referring for extract of his letter dated 21st June 1806. Remarks upon certain duties, a considerable difficience to be expected in the Revenue in consequence of the export (free of duty) of all goods from Chowky Stations — for the purpose of sale on the Surrounding Villages. Preparing an extract from the Principal Chowkey Accounts showing the amount duty collected in goods manufactured within Towns. Submitting his Observations with reference to the reductions made by the Board in their Purpose Establishment of Servants. Remarks &c.
97	20.5.1809	The Judge in the Zillah of Madura	Informing that the Sowcarars of Kumeswarum is entitled to distrain

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			the property of his under-tenants for arrears of Revenue like any other Zemindar—
	23 Feb 1804	The President and Members of the Board of Revenue	Having his opinion that the women and Servants claiming a provision for life in consequence of their connexion with the late Rajah of Ramnad are undeserving of the liberality of Government that if the Rajah has left any children by these women it should be left to their option to relinquish them to the Ranee of Ramnad or to the late Rajah's wives. Observing that he will address the Ranee regarding the erection of a monument to the late

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			Lake Lajah. [This paper is not there found in the Sent letter file but is found only in the Section Book].

to Carry on Trade –

The Operation of the Custom Regulation having about this period been suspended – the subject has not since that period been agitated –

In submitting my Sentiments to you now, I beg leave to refer you to the accompanying Extract of my Letter dated 21 June 1806 – the Opinions therein stated will I trust be found more than ever applicable to that liberal System which led to the abrogation of the former mode of Collecting the Taxes independent of the additional latitude now granted to Trade by having obviated the pressure of

reiterated Demand of Town Duties where an import duty has been once paid - as also to remit all Duties on Goods Manufactured within the limits of a Town -

It would however be improper to conceal from you that the remission of Duty will materially affect our Receipts -

The levy of Town Duties has hitherto been confined to Places where the Manufacture of goods attracted the greatest Population all other places having been exempted because in Villages the Cultivating Ryots supply their wants from their own labour in the field -

By abolishing all duties
on goods manufactured in Lewis
present stations fixed on for Chouck
are placed in the same situation as
the villages where no town duties are
levied except as far as the actual Con
sumption of those manufactures within
Town — We must therefore be
prepared to expect a Considerable
Deficiency in the Custom Revenue as a
Consequence of the exemption (free of
duty) of all goods from Chouky
stations for the purpose of sale in
the surrounding villages.

In order to prove to your
Board the probable effect of the
Latitude I am praying an Extract
from

from the Principal Chowky accounts
showing the amount duty collected on
goods manufactured within town -
which an inference may be drawn as
to the result of the present exemp

the Tariff fixing the value
of articles on which Customs are to be
levied has been modified with reference
to the alterations in their value in
the market & will I trust be appro
ved -

The Moyen Zabeta beg
leave to submit with reference
to the reductions made by the Board
in My Muzzoor Establishment of
Servants -

The numerous Papers leading

manufactured within the limits of
Towns will make a material change
in the general operation of the Regu-
-lations. My reasons for apprehending
this change have already been submitted
to you - & no very weighty arguments
exist against this measure I would beg
leave to recommend the continuance
of the former mode of levying those
Duties as heretofore -

The principle on which
the whole Custom Regulations are
framed evidently shew to be applicable
only to large trading Cities - where
the advantages of trade are to compensate
supersede all minor Considerations such
as the Duties payable on the Consumption
export or import of Merchandize

I apprehend however that

this enlarged Principle of Governmen
is not immediately applicable to
interior parts of this Country, that
neither the Circumstances or situation
of the Merchants in General admit

over the mountains into the Dominion
of His Highness the Rajah of Savanore
precludes the possibility of guarding them
all but the same inconvenience we ex-
perience by the illicit transit of Mer-
chandize. The Side is equally complain
of on the part of the Savanore Gov.
an additional establishment of
Watchers is therefore employed at
the frontier Chouky Tookoperrar.

In reply to the last Para
of your letter, relative to the employ-
ment of assistants in the direct superin-
tendence of this branch of Revenue
& stimulating their exertions by a
Commission on the actual Receipts
from Customs - I beg leave to observe
that an arrangement cannot fail

being attended with the best effects—
The facility of malversation in this
Department, arising in the difficulty of
establishing guilt (the Merchants being
Concerned equally with the public
Servants in concealing it) must ever
render it impossible to establish
efficient checks against the Commission
of numerous Irregularities—the Board
should agree with me in opinion
that

I have not prepared an Estimate
of the Revenues derivable from Town &
frontier duties respectively, because
at present I can form no correct
Idea of the probable result of those
Modifications now made—the relinquishing
the Right of levying Duties on Goods

No 97

To the Judge

R. 17

Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 5th Inst. I have the honor to inform you, that in the absence of the Collector of Customs the said Comptroller is entitled to the Pilotage of his vessel entering the Port of Londonderry

I am Sir
Jan
ary 1809

I have the honor to be, &c.
(Signed) R. Ritter
Asst.